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THE GOOD ROADS QUESTION.

SUPERVISOR GRAHAM REPLIES TO A CARPING CRITIC.

And Incidentally Imparts Some Learning to a Seeker after Knowledge.

Editor County Record:—

Please allow me space in your paper to reply to an article, signed "Voter," which appeared in the Weekly Mail last week, asking for a definition of the term "good roads" and also criticising the condition of the public roads of the county.

It is always a pleasure to me to impart learning to the unlearned and I therefore beg to give "Voter" the definition he desires: The word "good," probably derived from the Anglo Saxon god, means; "possessing desirable qualities; serviceable; well; excellent;" and the word "roads" is the plural of road, meaning "that on which one rides or travels; a trackway"; and is derived from the Anglo Saxon root rod (meaning ride).

Now, from the above "Voter" can see that the phrase "good roads" means "trackways possessing desirable qualities, or excellent places on which one rides or travels; I trust that "Voter" has grasped my explanation.

I notice with sorrow that "Voter" is getting sore-headed; and though I am grieved to learn that even one voter is in that deplorable condition, yet had I not used my best judgment and delayed working the roads until after the terrible spell of wet weather, which lasted throughout the entire first part of my administration, I would have had many—aye, 1000 to 1—sore-heads throughout this county.

"Why has Williamsburg gotten so far behind?" Is Williamsburg so far behind? Behind in what? I cannot imagine. It may be only patriotism on my part, but I believe that Williamsburg county is the garden spot of the State.

For myself I beg to say that as an officer I can always be found either in my office or driving around the county attending to the business of the county.

Has "Voter" wandered from his fig-tree? I cannot think that he has; for if he had he would not make the bare assertion that the roads have not had a spadeful of dirt on them. If "Voter" will travel the road from Cades to Indiantown he will see a great improvement in that road; if he will travel the roads near Scranton he will see where more than one spadeful of dirt has been put on them, and travel in other and various sections of the county and he will then have a fair idea of what I am doing, which he can never get by remaining on his own place.

And, last, Mr "Voter," our preaching speaks only through our works, and if you will examine our work you will have a good sermon before you. Take the beam out of thine own eye before you try to pluck the mote from thy brother's eye.

Respectfully yours,
J. J. GRAHAM.

April 14, 1903.

Ice! Ice! Ice!

Having taken charge of the Ice House at the Railroad-crossing I am prepared to furnish Ice in large or small quantities. Special rates offered for Picnics and Entertainments. Sunday hours 8 to 10; 12 to 2; and 4 to 7 o'clock. Save money by buying Ice Tickets.

tf 4-14 03 J. B. LESENE.

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Pendergrass—Courtney.

The marriage of Miss Louise Pendergrass and Mr P S Courtney, which took place at 7 o'clock last Thursday afternoon at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs L Stackley, was an affair attended with much interest to a large number of friends of the contracting parties. There were only a few special friends present outside of the immediate family connection, but the ceremony of the Methodist church as read by Rev Henry Cauthen was very beautiful and impressive and at its close congratulations sincere and fervent were extended to the young couple entering the threshold of their married life.

After refreshments had been served the bridal couple drove to the station, where the platform was literally thronged with friends who showered upon the happy pair profuse congratulations and enough rice to set up a modest establishment in house-keeping. Mr and Mrs Courtney returned Saturday and are boarding at Dr A M Snider's, on Railroad avenue.

Both the bride and the groom are very popular in Kingstree society. Mr Courtney, who is at the head of the firm of P S Courtney & Co., is a young business man of enterprise and ability, and Mrs Courtney as Miss Pendergrass was the centre of a large circle of admiring friends. The Record extends them its hearty felicitations and may the future be one long, rose-lit dream of unalloyed bliss.

Cotton Kings and Hatchell Plows and castings at W. T. ASKINS'.

For Sale.

Valuable business lot next door to Dr Gamble's new drug store, apply to

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CADES CHRONICLES.

CADES, April 13—Cades is again getting on a brisk business move.

Mr Hudson was in town Saturday from Georgia.

Mr M D Nesmith, who has been attending a dental college in Atlanta, has returned home to spend his vacation. His many friends were glad to see him.

Mr C C Carsten is here from Florence for a few days.

I understand that we are to have a Methodist parsonage at this place. Mr G L Sauls has donated the lot and work on the building will commence right away.

It is reported that another mercantile firm will start business here soon. Your correspondent is not at liberty to divulge the names of the parties behind the enterprise.

Miss Lila Hemingway's school will close next Friday and there will be a fruit supper Friday night for the entertainment of the pupils and their friends.

Nox.

Now is the time to buy your Fruit Jars. We have big stock, will sell cheap. W. T. ASKINS.

New Advertisements.

Dr S B W Courtney, Lake City. The Mutual Benevolent Association.

Ice Notice.

Several esteemed communications which were crowded out this issue will appear next week.

Nice stock of Fancy Batiste Leno, Applique, Silk Mulls and White goods at W. T. ASKINS.

THE COURT OF SESSIONS.

ONLY TWO CASES DISPOSED OF UP TO THIS TIME.

Melton J. Williamson Acquitted—Henry James Convicted of Manslaughter—The Myers Case Set for To-day.

The April term of the court of general sessions for Williamsburg county convened Monday morning, His Honor, Judge G W Gage of the 6th circuit presiding. Solicitor John S Wilson and Stenographer Lathan were present in their respective places.

The grand jury being called 17 responded to their names, of which number one was excused, leaving only 16—two short of a full panel. On motion of the solicitor two additional names were drawn to complete the panel, viz., P M Brockinton and W I Nexsen.

As it required some time to summon these jurors the court took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m., when it reconvened and the grand jury assembled and responded to the roll-call as follows: S M Askins, foreman, J S McClam, J K Smith, J W Hanta, W B Blakeley, Olin Epps, B A McKnight, J E Burch, G G Haselden, W T Wilkins, J A Evans, J E Keels, A Q Hutchinson, R B McClary, J D Duke, W I Nexsen, P M Brockinton and J E Porter. The grand jury completed its work and returned its presentment yesterday morning after passing on the following indictments:

The State vs Melton J Williamson, murder and carrying a concealed weapon. True bill.
Th State vs Lonnie C Myers, murder. True bill.
The State vs Sylvester Gamble, violation of dispensary law. No bill.
The State vs Walter Montgomery, larceny of live stock, to wit, a hog. True bill.
The State vs Lonnie Burrows, assault and battery with intent to kill. No bill.
The State vs James W Bodiford, murder and carrying a concealed deadly weapon. True bill.
The State vs Willie Hayes and Orrie Miles larceny of live stock. True bill.

The State vs George Louis, assault and battery with intent to kill. True bill.
The State vs Harry C Holloway, cheating and swindling. True bill.
The State vs Henry James, murder and carrying a concealed weapon. True bill.

The State vs Allen Conyers and William Scott, house-breaking and larceny. True bill as to Conyers, no bill as to Scott.

The State vs Bryant H Myers, aggravated assault and battery. No bill.
The case against Melton J Williamson was taken up for trial Tuesday morning, the defence being represented by W L Bass, Esq., and Messrs Stoll and Stoll being associated with Solicitor Wilson in the prosecution. The circumstances attending this homicide are in brief as follows: On September 12, 1902, Mr Williamson went to arrest one Louis Monzon, a negro, who was working on the floating gang near Scranton. The charge against Monzon was obtaining goods under false pretenses. The negro demanded to be shown the warrant. Mr Williamson showed it to him and he refused to be arrested, taking up a "fish plate" and drawing it on Williamson and using threatening language. Williamson being unarmed went to Scranton and secured a pistol also bringing with him several men to assist in the arrest. They went to where the negro was and Williamson advanced, placed his hand on him and told him to consider himself under arrest. The negro refused to go and Williamson called to his assistants to help him

tie the negro. The negro jerked away and grabbed an iron rod, holding it in a striking position and Williamson fired his pistol to frighten the negro, who went on up the railroad in the ditch, Williamson following him. After going some 20 yards the negro drew the iron again, telling Williamson not to come on him. Williamson fired again and missed, when the negro advanced threateningly and Williamson fired the third time inflicting a fatal wound. After hearing the testimony and the arguments of counsel the jury in this case returned a verdict of not guilty yesterday morning.

Another murder case was tried yesterday, viz, that of the State vs Henry James. This case came up at the last term of court and resulted in a mistrial. C W Stoll, Esq., represented the defense. Late yesterday afternoon the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. This morning James was sentenced to four years on the chain-gang.

The case of the State vs Lonnie C Myers, charged with murder, was begun yesterday and continued until to day.

These are all the cases tried up to this time.

To My Patrons.

I will not be in my office from 20th April to 29th.

2t A. M. SNIDER.

SCRANTON SNAPS-HOTS

Mr D L Lee spent Easter at Leesville seeing a "friend". This brings to mind very forcibly the oft-quoted lines of Tennyson: "In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love".

Willard McKnight came home from Sumter Institute last night with fever.

Mrs Carraway, who has been indisposed, is improving.

Robert Singletary spent Sunday at home. He is now in the law office of Hon W L Bass, of Lake City.

Mrs W S Lynch went to Kingstree Monday.

Miss Lily Lavender has returned from a visit to her home near Lynchburg.

G Y Jones spent Sunday at Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

A good many strawberries are being shipped from here.

The Easter exercises at the Methodist church on Sunday were very impressive. The church was tastefully decorated, and the pupils, who had been carefully trained by Mrs Cooper, did well.

Aiken Wall, of Marion, was in town Sunday.

At the last meeting of the K of P Mr G Y Jones took the first degree. Messrs Evans and Tilton took the third and last. The Scranton lodge now numbers about sixty-four members.

On last Friday night the young folks of our town were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs Stephen Byrd. First, there was an Easter egg hunt. Then, after playing every game imaginable, the merry participants were ushered in the dining room where the table was beautifully decorated with fruits and flowers. Ice cream, cake and fruits were served.

BEN HUR.

Card of Thanks.

Editor County Record:—
Please allow me space your paper to thank my many friends for their kindness shown me through my sickness. I hope they will receive a reward from on high.

Your helpless friend,

T. O. LESENE.
Kingstree, S. C., April 13, 1903.

Old papers for sale at this office.

GLIMPSES OF GREELEYVILLE.

THE MALLARD LUMBER COMPANY IMPROVES ITS PLANT.

Lights and Shadows of Thriving Community as Chronicled by Our Correspondent.

Greeleyville, April 13:—Although you have a regular correspondent at this place I thought I would write a few of the recent happenings. But, first of all, I want to congratulate THE RECORD on arriving on time last week, getting here on Friday morning, to the delight of its numerous friends, who never like to see their favorite out-done in any way.

The Mallard Lumber Co have their new saw-mill steam "nigger" in successful operation. The improvement will nearly double their capacity. They are now putting up some new dry-kilns so that they will be able to dry the lumber as fast as it is cut.

Mr D T Wells, who at one time sawed for D W Alderman, is the skillful manipulator of the new machinery of the Mallard Lumber Co.

Rev Mr McOaskill and Miss Barbara Mallard attended Presbtery at Summerton last week; they report having a very enjoyable meeting.

We are sorry to have to report the extreme illness of Mrs Hogan; Mr T W Boyle's mother. She is thought to be slightly better today. Mrs C E Register is also quite sick. We trust they both may soon recover.

Rev Mr Harrison preached at Mt Hope Baptist church Sunday morning and at night in the Methodist church in town. The night service was well attended and the preacher, as usual, had a sermon that was worth listening to.

Farmers in this vicinity are taking advantage of the present good weather and work on the farms is well advanced.

There are a few strawberries being shipped from this point this season by Messrs Spann and Hogan. Others here speak of growing them another year.

With your permission I would like to say something about how much we enjoy reading the letters from "The Sage of Possum Fork." Long may he live and may he grow wiser as he grows older. I, for one, am always disappointed when I open the paper and find no letter from him.

Wishing you much success,
VIDI.

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